



# HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

## Office of the County Auditor

### FISCAL IMPACT NOTE

**Bill Number 13-33, as amended**  
Sponsor: Councilmember Shrodes

**Traffic Safety Advisory Board**

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#### Summary of Legislation

AN ACT to add new Article XVID, Traffic Safety Advisory Board, to Part 2, Nonbinding Advisory Boards, of Chapter 9, Boards, Commissions, Councils and Agencies, all of the Harford County Code, as amended; to provide that the new Board shall be advisory to the County Council; to establish the membership and the members' qualifications and terms; to establish the Board's powers, duties and responsibilities; to provide for a minimum number of meetings annually; and generally relating to the Traffic Safety Advisory Board.

The bill will take effect 60 days after it is enacted.

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#### Fiscal Impact Summary and Analysis

There is no fiscal impact related to this legislation. Additionally, there is no fiscal impact related to the amendment. Board members will serve without compensation; Councilman Shrodes anticipates that the Board's administration will be absorbed by the Harford County Sheriff's Office.

Resolution 16-12 enacted, June 19, 2012, created a year-long temporary task force to examine and report upon ways that the Harford County community at large can improve traffic safety. During the past year, the task force reported on its progress and made recommendations to the County Council.

This bill, if ratified would create a permanent advisory board of nineteen (19) voting members, with a County Council Member and the County Executive (or designee) serving as a non-voting member to continue the work of the Traffic Safety Task Force. The advisory board will make recommendations for policy change to improve traffic safety throughout the County, provide input to the County's Annual Budget regarding projects to improve traffic safety, collaborate with other government and non-government agencies at the County, State and Federal level, pursue and support grant opportunities, act as an advocate for traffic safety and report its activities to the County Council each year.

The bill requires two of the Board Members to be Harford County residents. The other members would be representatives from various organizations such as Maryland State Police, Highways Administration and Highways Safety Office; Local Police Departments; various County Government Departments; and Mothers Against Drunk Driving. The

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proposed participants each have a stake in improving the safety of persons travelling in the County and, generally, they participate in similar initiatives as part of their normal routines.

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### **Additional Information**

Previous Introductions: None

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